

OLD FROSTBURG BREWERY

AL-VII-A-038  
Route 36, Frostburg  
1907-1908

The Old Frostburg Brewery consists of an irregularly shaped rectangular brick structure, which is six bays wide and two stories on the main facade to four stories in the rear of the building. The structure was erected soon after December 31, 1907 by the Frostburg Brewing Company for the sole purpose of an industrial brewery site. Although the original owners operated the brewery for only seven years, due to the deeding of equipment and supplies, it is believed the brewery was in operation through 1935. The structure presently serves as low-cost housing for college students.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Brewery

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 36,

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

H. Irwin Castleton Irma Schlosstein

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

26 Spring St.

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Frostburg Brewery is located on the west side of Route 36 in Frostburg, Allegany County.

The Brewery is an irregularly shaped rectangular brick building that is six bays wide and two stories high on the main facade to four stories in the rear of the building. Brick for the building is laid in American Common Bond. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation. Windows in the structure are double hung, wooden sash frames with six over one lights and recessed semi-circular arches. Three entrances are located on the main facade. They feature doors with verticle paneling, two transom lights and a semi-circular arch. The Brewery roof is of the flat industrial type. A combination cement and brick belt course runs the perimeter of the building at the roof line. A tower with a parapet gable is located on the east side of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Brewery was constructed soon after December 31, 1907 by the Frostburg Brewing Company for the sole purpose of an industrial brewery site. The structure included all features required for the brewing process such as fermenting rooms, refrigerating room, bottling room, boiler room, etc. The Frostburg Brewing Company appears to have operated under the original owners for some seven years until in 1915 the property was deeded to William Gunter, Edward Dufty and Karl Schlosstein by John Miller, et. ux.<sup>1</sup> According to the land records, it is not clear whether the brewery continued to operate. However, in 1934, the tax collector sold the property to Karl E. Schlosstein because of non-payment of taxes, and along with the property he was deeded all equipment and supplies associated with a brewery.<sup>2</sup> Due to the deeding of equipment and supplies it is believed the brewery was still in operation through 1935.

The Old Brewery is presently owned by Irwin Castleton, Louise Hackett and Irma Schlosstein and has been renovated to serve as apartments for local college students.

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1 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

2 ibid

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin &amp; Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/8/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VII-A-038

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DATE: 11/9/76

Less Than 1 Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Old Brewery

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36, Frostburg

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: west

NAME OF OWNER: H. Irwin Castleton

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4(☒) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6(☒) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: rear rectangular addition

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (☒) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(☒) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(☒ 6/1)  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: west

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN two transoms + semi-  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards circular arch

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Appt.

Significance - Arch Ind

Date Constructed - 1907

Condition - Fair

TITLE SEARCH

Old Brewery

Allegany County Deed; Liber 378, Folio 3  
grantee: Irwin Castleton, Louise Hackett, Irma Schlosstein  
grantor: Angel Olivas  
August 31, 1964  
(4 tracts of land)

Allegany County Deed; Liber 173, Folio 618  
grantee: Karl E. Schlosstein  
grantor: Oscar C. Robeson, Tax Collector  
July 23, 1935  
Consideration: \$550.00

(The tax collector sold the property because of non-payment of taxes  
(building tract) on July 7, 1934.

Personal property deeded to Karl Schlosstein in Frostburg Brewery:

Part 3: 5 pumps, 25 casks, 5 horses - (Frank, Prince, Mack, Deck, Fancy), A 125 HP boiler, 1 beer filter, 1000 cases, 1000 kegs, 1000 gross of bottles, 1 bandelot copper cooler, (3) 2-horse wagons, (4) 1-horse wagons, (2) double sets of harnesses, (1) single set of harnesses, 2 bob sleds, one six foot safe, 1 copy press, 1 gas engine, 1 steam engine, 1 keg filling machine, 14 fermenting tubs, 3 stacks of condensing pipes, 6 office chairs, bottling house contents, harness and stable equipment, (1) 40 ton refrigerating machine, 1 power engine, one toppler, one brew kettle, 1 mash machine and tub, Malt and material, 1 conveyor, 1 malt mill, shofting and geering, pulleys and hangers, scales, 1 typewriter, 1 Wales adding machine, pipes, ammonia and condensers, cooperage and fixed cooperage, pumps and pipes, 200 foot of hose, filter mash washer, 1 mash; two with brass spigots, 1 stamps concelor, (1) 40 HP steam engine, 1 desk,

Allegany County Deed; Liber 117, Folio 39  
grantee: William R. Gunter, Edward Dufty, Karl E. Schlosstein  
grantor: John P. Miller, et. ux.  
May 10, 1915

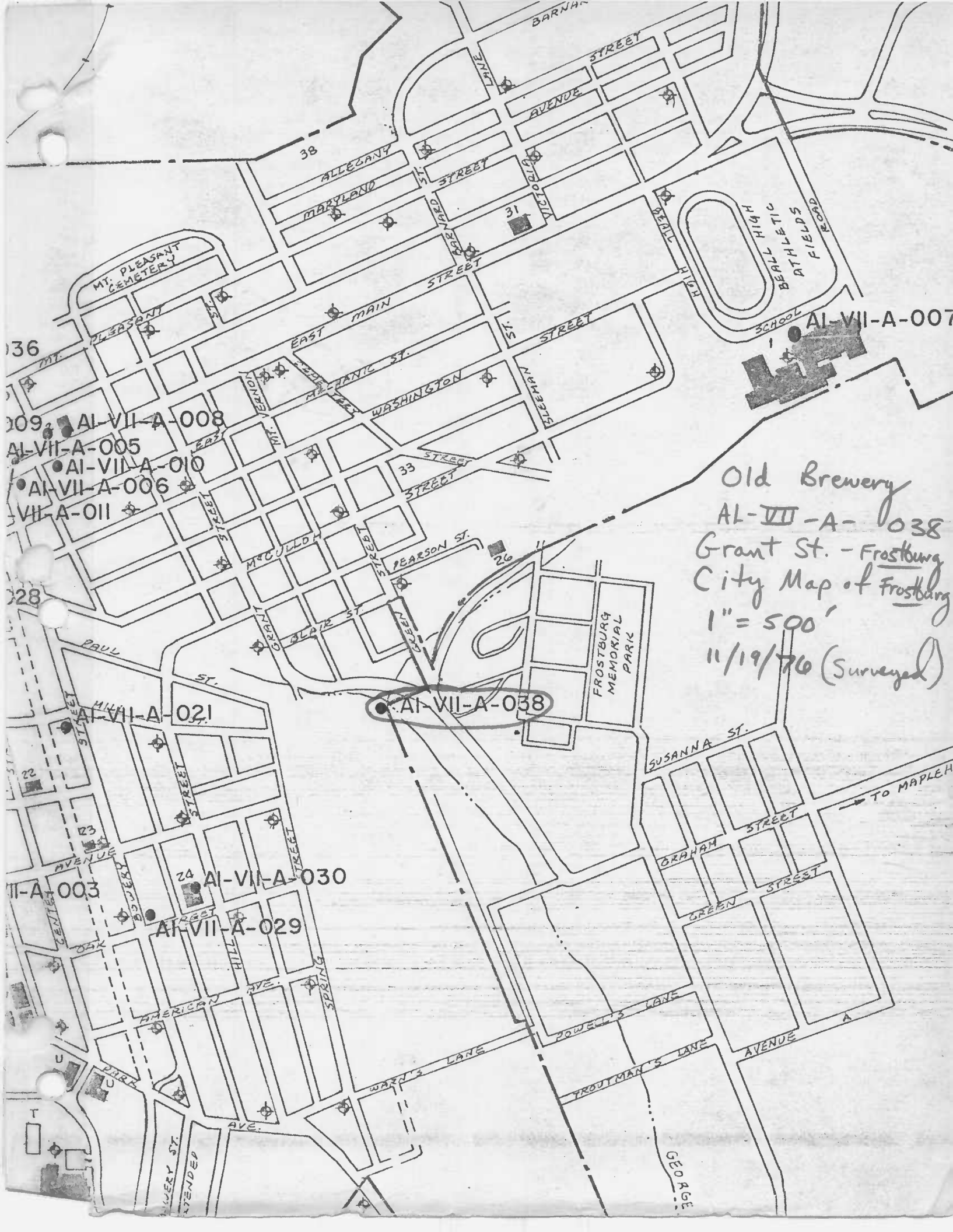
Allegany County Deed; Liber 103, Folio 39  
grantee: The Frostburg Brewing Company  
grantor: Theodore Meerbach, et. ux.  
December 31, 1907

(Part of the parcel for the brewery)

Allegany County Deed; Liber 101, Folio 520  
grantee: The Frostburg Brewing Company  
grantee: Andrew J. Willison, et. ux.  
July 6, 1907

(Part of the parcel for the brewery)





Old Brewery  
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Grant St. - Frostburg  
City Map of Frostburg  
1" = 500'  
11/19/76 (Surveyed)



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Old Brewery

Rt. 36, Frostburg

John E. Nelson

11/19/76

Southwest



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Old Brewery

Rt. 36, Frostburg

John E. Nelson

11/19/76

North